GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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BLOCKS AWARDED UNDER NELP POLICY
Mehta Shri Bhubneshwar Prasad

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some non-deserving companies have obtained oil and gas drilling blocks under NELP and some companies are taking alibi of shortage of rigs in order to cover up their failure and exerting pressure on the Government in regard to pricing and marketing rights; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) A few E&P companies have approached Government seeking a drilling moratorium for aperiod of about three years for deepwater areas in view of global shortage of deepwater rigs.No final decision has been taken by the Government on this issue.